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Mrs. Gerald Jackson

MEMORABLE HADASSAH DINNER PLANNED

The annual Get or Give Dinner, sponsored by the Ottawa Council of Hadassah, will be held on Tuesday, December 10th, at 7.30 o'clock at the Chateau Laurier.

Mrs. Gerald Jackson of Montreal, formerly of Manchester, England, will be the guest speaker, and from reports of her ability as an orator, a treat is in store for all who will have the privilege of hearing her. A suitable programme has also been arranged.

The entire proceeds raised through this event will be used towards the base hospital to be erected in Nahalal, Palestine, which will be known as the Lillian Freiman Memorial Hospital; also the hospital ward in England, which will be called the Lillian Freiman Memorial Ward.

A very large attendance is anticipated, and in view of the worthy cause for which the money will be used, every member of Hadassah is urged to put forth a special effort and attend.

FRIDAY NIGHT TOPICS

The Friday Evening Services, sponsored by the Vaad Ha'ir and held at the Congregation Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Avenue, have been drawing a large number of people to the Synagogue this year. The following topics have been announced for the coming weeks:

Dec. 6, "Is The Homeland for Judaism Or Only For Jews?"

Dec. 13, "When Business Is Good".

Dec. 20, Guest Speaker

Dec. 27, A.Z.A. Oratorical Contest

Jan. 3, "So This Is 1941!"

Jan. 10, "From The Lips of a Dying Man".

The Choir, which has been helping with the Hebrew Zemiroth, has earned a great deal of praise for itself, and for its Director, Reverend J. Rabin. Services begin promptly 8.30 p.m.

Chief Rabbi of Palestine Expected in Canada

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine is expected to visit in Canada, when he crosses the Atlantic by Clipper in order to have a delicate eye operation in the Mayo Clinic at Rochester.

One of the world's greatest Talmudists, Rabbi Herzog is also a famous secular scholar, holding a Ph.D. degree. His volumes, "The Main Institutions of Jewish Law", have been universally acclaimed as the most brilliant English works on the Halacha ever written.

Recently the Jewish National Fund acknowledged his efforts in behalf of the Yishub by creating a Mizrahi colony, Nachlath Herzog, in his honour.

Remember the Friday Night Services!



Dr. Lookstein

NOTED JEWISH ORATOR SPEAKS HERE

An outstanding Jewish scholar who is one of America's most gifted orators, Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, Ph.D., of New York City, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Mizrahi Banquet to be held Sunday, December 8th, 6.30 p.m., at the Talmud Torah Hall.

Dr. Lookstein has been the spiritual leader of the Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, one of the most highly honoured synagogues in the United States, for the past sixteen years. He is also Associate Professor of Homiletics and of Jewish Sociology at Yeshiva College.

As the National Vice-President of the Mizrahi Organization of America, he has toured many communities in behalf of the Zionism that is very close to his heart, and Ottawa Jewry looks forward with great anticipation to his message. All the Mizrahi groups of this Community are co-operating to welcome him properly; and it is believed that every prominent Jew and Jewess of this city will be in attendance, when this outstanding Rabbi, Educator, and Zionist leader will address the Mizrahi banquet.

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WHAT THE MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION WANTS

You cannot build a house, you must build some kind of a house. It may be perfect architecturally, or it may be a terrifying monstrosity, but when you are through, it has definite shape and fixed proportions.

The same principle applies to any work of construction. You cannot build a country and merely trust to luck that it will be glorious to behold. You must plan the direction in which you prefer to see it grow, and you must have in your mind a definite picture of what it should look like at the various stages of its development. If you fail to have this kind of vision, the country will nevertheless look like one thing and not like all things; and you may be shocked, or even heart-broken, at that into which it has formed itself.

For this reason there are parties in Zionism. While a great many supporters of the movement do not seem to take any interest in what the finished product will be, and are merely satisfied with the general expression "creating a Homeland", there are a number of leaders who are farsighted enough to watch over and try to influence the trend of rehabilitation. Among the parties, some have a passionate interest in the perfection of their economic philosophy upon the soil of our ancestral land; others are completely engrossed in the social experimentation they strive to conduct in this country of the pioneers. Still others argue that free play should be allowed to all the instruments of modern capitalism, while their opponents argue with Achad Ha'am that the primary purpose of Eretz Yisroel is to establish a cultural centre for the numerous elements of Jewish civilization.

The Mizrachi movement entered the ranks of Zionism with its specific ideal; namely, that Eretz Yisroel is not only to be built as the highest kind of a wholesome economic, social and cultural state, but above all, as that which it was destined to be from the earliest memory of our people—the most exalted type

of Torah-inspired state. The Mizrachi, in other words, realizes that there are many obstacles in the way of observing the commandments of the Jewish religion in the countries of the exile, where circumstances generally fight against the observance of the Dietary Laws, of Shabbos, and the requirements of our ritual upon various occasions; but all the more reason, therefore, should those who go to make their home in the country where Judaism was cradled and nurtured be taught and encouraged to follow in the paths of our religious teachings. The emphasis is, throughout, upon the public activities of cities, colonies and societies in the Holy Land; not, as is sometimes erroneously charged, upon the private habits of the individual.

That the stress upon Torah has not hindered but, on the contrary, has strengthened the constructive work in Palestine can be seen in the impressive array of accomplishments the Mizrachi and the Hapoel Hamizrachi can present. The Homeland now boasts of the heroism and self-sacrifice shown by Mizrachi chalutzim in 8 colonies, 9 Kvutsoth, 20 co-operatives, 6 youth Kvutsoth, 7 city-workers' quarters, a girls' farm and a national youth organization, the Shomer Hadati (Bnei Akiba). In the annals of Jewish martyrdom Tirath Zevi is forever unforgettable. There are 18,000 workers in the Mizrachi Labour Movement, 16,000 children in Mizrachi schools. Hundreds of young girls who were trained in the Beth Zeiroth of Jerusalem, after fleeing from European dungeons, now are self-supporting citizens of their new land. The trade schools are universally acknowledged to have furnished a young pioneering country with some of its ablest experts in both agriculture and industry. Surely, nobody can resent the fact that these builders are loyal to the Mitzvoth.

The Mizrachi theory holds that the future of Eretz Yisroel must be mapped fundamentally along the lines of religion, so that the country of the Judges and the Prophets and the Tanaim will again be distinguished for the quality that earned universal recognition in the histories of humanity. Nor do good Mizrachi members let themselves be misled by the attitude that the mere presence of hundreds of thousands of Jews will guarantee the religious sanity and sanctity of modern Eretz Yisroel. On the contrary, the feeling is that to overlook the subject of Torah is to run the danger of erecting a monstrosity that will reflect ill upon the People of the Book, and that will cause the nations of the world to wonder why it was at all essential to add another splotch to the many colours of the Asiatic continent. No, says Mizrachi, let us build by all means, and let us build with all our might, but let us build with an objective in view, and let us make that objective the fulfillment of the word of God.

Local AZA Chapter Sponsoring Regional Convention

The Moses Bilsky Chapter No. 166 of Aleph Zadik Aleph are to act as hosts for the seventh annual convention of the Laurentian Regional Association of A.Z.A., which is being held in Ottawa on December 27, 28 and 29 this year, the first time this region has met here in the capital.

Nearly 25 cities in Ontario, Quebec and Northern New York state will be sending representatives who, besides attending to convention business, will be able to participate in Oratorical, Debating, Basketball and Bowling tournaments and attend luncheons, banquets, and dances.

The oratorical contest will be held in conjunction with Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman's regular Oneg Sabbath service on Friday night, December 27. "Religion in the Present Crisis" is the subject on which the contestants will speak. Debators will argue on "Resolved that every Jewish Community in America shall create a council to serve as a recognized spokesman for the community in all local matters except religion".

For the Sabbath service at the Adath Jeshurun Congregation on Saturday, December 28, which the out-of-town alephs will attend, the Rabbi has chosen as his sermon, "What Chanukah Means To-day."

Accommodation for all visiting alephs has not as yet been secured. Those who are able to offer accommodation please phone Lawrence Ekstein at 247 York Street, No. 3-8835 or Irving Rivers at 155 Clarence Street, No. 3-7939. It would be very much appreciated to have assistance from a number of homes in the community in this regard.

Where Does Your Child Study?

The Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School is proud of the progress being made in all of its classes. Boys and girls who do not attend the Talmud Torah, even if they are receiving private Hebrew instruction, should not miss this opportunity to gain information about modern Jewish problems and modern Jewish history, subjects that private teachers do not have enough time to discuss. Classes are held every Sunday at 10 o'clock, at the Osgoode School, under the direct supervision of Rabbi Fasman.

Bar Mitzvah Registration

In most instances, parents and teachers have remembered to register the future date of a Bar Mitzvah with the Rabbi, but some few have apparently overlooked taking care of this matter. Since the Rabbi has received invitations to attend sundry activities that will necessitate his absence from the Community on certain Sabbaths several months away, he cannot promise to have somebody to represent him at the Bar Mitzvah, unless he has ample time to write to other Rabbis, inviting them to occupy the pulpit on the particular date. For this reason Jewish parents are again reminded to register the name of their boy, no less than four months before the event.

Do Your Chanukah Shopping Early!

This year Chanukah begins on Tuesday, December 24th, and it is advisable to place your order for a Chanukah Menorah, if you need one, in sufficient time to give the merchant a chance to obtain it. Also, put in your supply of Chanukah Candles early.

NOTICE

If you have any announcements of general communal importance that should be made from the pulpit in the Synagogue, please mail the item, in writing, to the Rabbi, no later than the Wednesday prior to the Friday evening when you would desire to have such an announcement made.

If your Organization would like to have mention made of a major activity in our Bulletin, please submit the matter, in writing, to the Rabbi, a month before the date of the occasion.

Book Review Forum Opens

The first book that Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will review in the Forum sponsored by the Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood is "The Magnificent Rothschilds" by Cecil Roth. The romantic history of this remarkable family has fascinated the human imagination for decades, and a large audience is therefore expected to listen to Mr. Roth's analysis of the part the Rothschilds have played in the development of modern Europe.

The lecture will be held in the vestry rooms of the Cong. Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Avenue, on Wednesday, December 11, at 8.30 p.m.

Rabbi M. J. Mintz Inspires Talmud Torah Gathering

In one of the most inspiring addresses ever delivered in Ottawa, Rabbi M. J. Mintz, of Brooklyn, launched the Talmud Torah Campaign of this year into instantaneous success. Speaking before a distinguished gathering of Ottawa Jewry in the Talmud Torah Hall on November 24th, the former Spiritual Leader of the Congregation Adath Jeshurun held his listeners spellbound, while he used his keen powers of satire to emphasize the earnestness of his message on the importance of sacrifice in behalf of Jewish education. The response to his eloquence took tangible form in the doubling and trebling of last year's gifts to the annual drive, and it made the Twentieth Anniversary memorable.

In a two-minute period of silence, the meeting paid tribute to the late Mrs. A. J. Freiman, while the musical program originally planned was omitted. The president of the Vaad Ha'ir, Mr. A. J. Freiman, sent a telegraphic message of encouragement to the Board, congratulating it on its splendid achievements and urging it on to even greater heights.

Among the other speakers of the occasion were Mr. M. Loeb, the chairman of the Board, who delivered the annual report; Mr. M. Zagerman, the vice-chairman, who presented a beautiful bouquet of roses to Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary; Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman, who introduced the speaker; and the Reverend J. Rabin, who gave the motion of thanks in Hebrew.

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Of particular interest to local Jewry this year is the fact that the National President of the Mizrahi Organization of Canada is an Ottawan, Mr. Leon Petegorsky, whose election to this high office has been hailed with satisfaction not only by the adherents of the Mizrahi, but also by the leaders of every Zionist party in the Dominion.

Rabbi and Mrs. Oscar Z. Fasman and family plan to leave for Chicago on Tuesday, December 17, in order to attend the wedding of Mr. Wm. Rubin, the brother of Mrs. Fasman, and Miss Sarah Turner, a national vice-president of the American Junior Hadassah. They will be absent from Ottawa about a week. During the visit, the Rabbi will preside over an Executive Meeting of his Rabbinical Association.



Harry Batshaw

Montreal Jewish Leader Addresses Zionists Tonight

A meeting of the Ottawa Zionist Society will be held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Thursday, December 5th, 1940, at 8.30 o'clock.

An interesting and entertaining programme has been arranged. Mr. Harry Batshaw of Montreal, prominent Jewish barrister, noted Canadian Zionist Leader and Executive member of the Zionist Organization of Canada, will be the guest speaker.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

Memorial for Mrs. Freiman in Palestine and England

The Executive Committee of the Hadassah Organization of Canada has voted to pay tribute to the memory of its founder, the late Mrs. A. J. Freiman of Ottawa, by naming the base hospital being built by Hadassah in Nahalal, Palestine, the Lillian Freiman Memorial Hospital, and by naming the ward that Hadassah is giving to the base hospital of the Red Cross in England, the Lillian Freiman Memorial Ward. The project itself was originally decided upon at an executive meeting of the national body that was held in the home of Mrs. Freiman, and over which she presided, about two months before her passing. The Ottawa Jewish Community then set the pace for the Dominion by a most successful Yom Kippur campaign in the local Synagogues. It was unanimously felt later that Canadian Hadassah could find no more fitting memorial than to dedicate the very structures Mrs. Freiman herself was instrumental in planning, as her monument in the Holy Land and in England.

Historic Town of Yavneh Redeemed by Jewish National Fund

The ancient town of Yavneh which was spared by the Romans after the destruction of the Temple, at the request of Jochanan ben Zakkai, and which soon after became the Spiritual center of Jewish survival, has now been redeemed by the Jewish National Fund. Mr. M. M. Usishkin, President of the J.N.F., has requested the Mizrahi organization to assume the responsibility of restoring Yavneh to its former glory as the great educational fortress of our people. The rebirth of Yavneh as the source of religious inspiration for all Jews vindicates and evaluates anew the ideals of the Mizrahi. It is Hapoel Hamizrachi that has been called upon by the Jewish National Fund to rehabilitate and cultivate the 2000 dunams of land surrounding Yavneh.

(Hapoel Hamizrachi constantly endeavours to be instrumental in the establishment of a Jewish Society based on Justice and economic Equality in a manner most compatible with the pattern set by the Torah, and thereby to facilitate the creation of a Torah-true Jewish commonwealth in Eretz Israel.)

The young women who will be also summoned to participate in this great Yavneh project will in many instances be drawn from the girls who were trained in the special schools that are supported by the women's Mizrahi organizations in the United States and Canada, among which the recently organized group of Ottawa expects to take an honourable place.

In addition to this extraordinary undertaking of the Mizrahi movement for this year, an intensive activity will be maintained in behalf of the war effort that it must carry on side by side with all the Jewish parties that are co-operating with Great Britain to preserve the security of the Near East for the Empire.

Talmud Torah Honour Roll

Mr. I. Lief, Principal of the Ottawa Talmud Torah, has announced the Honour Roll for Hesvan, 5701, as follows:

CLASS I

1. Shuster, Kasriel
2. Betcherman, Esther
3. Lerner, Boruch
4. Weiner, Aryeh
5. Cohen, Yitzchok

CLASS II A

1. Zivian, Mordecai
2. Baker, Bathia
3. Silver, Esther
4. Fasman, Haym
5. Cohen, Deborah

CLASS II B

1. Aisenberg, Yeshaiah
2. Zelikovitz, Chaim
3. Taylor, Yitzchok
4. Shuster, Sheindel
5. Achbar, Zelda

CLASS III

1. Rabin, Aryeh
2. Cohen, Ita
3. Silver, Sarah
4. Silver, Chanah
5. Cohen, Zevi

CLASS IV

1. Kravetz, Dov
2. Gershone, Yerachmiel
3. Hartman, Zevi
4. Monson, Chanah
5. Bordelay, Chaim

CLASS V

1. Goldmaker, Shlomoh
2. Klein, Miriam
3. Pleet, Meyer
4. Brozovsky, Ita
5. Smith, Kreindel

YIDDISH CLASS

1. Gold, Sheva
2. Weiner, Sheva
3. Ages, Miriam

BAR MITZVAH CLASS

1. Butofsky, Meyer
2. Krantzberg, Joel
3. Sobcuff, Moshe
4. Aisenberg, Eliezer

UP-TOWN BRANCH

CLASS I

1. Corn, Golda
2. Agulnick, Moshe
3. Lipson, Aba

CLASS II

1. Feinstein, Ruth
2. Feinstein, Pearl
3. Schreiber, Malkah

CLASS III

1. Baslow, Shmuel
2. Sherman, Shlomch
3. Lipson, Mordecai